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SUBJECT: BELGRADE UNIVERSITY SITUATION HAS REPERCUSSIONS IN
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1. ZAGREB UNIVERSITY BRANCH OF STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAVEZ STUDENATA) WILL BE DISBANDED JAN 20 ACCORDING JAN 7 BORBA. PAPER SAYS NEW STUDENTS ORGANIZATION ("FEDERATION OF SOCIALIST STUDENTS") WILL FUNCTION AS COMPONENT PART OF ZAGREB YOUTH ORGANIZATION (I.E., SAVEZ OMLADINE) UNDER NEW STATUTE RESTRICTING MEMBERSHIP TO THOSE QUALIFYING ON BASIS OF THEIR "ACTIVITY AND SOCIALIST DETERMINATION". COMMENT: MERGER OF STUDENTS ASSOCIATION WITH YOUTH FEDERATION LONG IN WORKS BUT TIMETABLE EVIDENTLY SPED UP BY LOCAL EVENTS IN ZAGEB. MODEL FOR NEW ORGANIZATION EXISTS AT ZAGREB'S LAW FACULTY, WHICH HAD ALREADY SET UP ITS OWN FEDERATION OF SOCIALIST STUDENTS, SUPPOSEDLY BECAUSE OF CROATIAN NATIONALIST ACTIVITIES OF OLD LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

2. BORBA (QUOTING PRESENT ZAGREB ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT) SEEMS TO TIE THIS MOVE TO ACTIONS OF "PHRASEMONGERS AND ANARCHISTS" IN ZAGREB UNIVERSITY'S PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY COMMITTEE OF STUDENTS
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ASSOCIATION. COMMITTEE OPENLY SUPPORTED STUDENT LEADERSHIP OF

PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY OF BELGRADE UNIVERSITY OVER "THE CASE OF THE EIGHT PROFESSORS".

3. POLITIKA OF JAN 5 HAD NOTED THIS ZAGREB STUDENT SUPPORT FOR THE BELGRADE EIGHT IN REPORTING ON AN OPEN LETTER FROM ZAGREB UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE OF STUDENTS ASSOCIATION. LETTER HAD CONDEMNED EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT AS EXAMPLE OF "POLITICAL IMMATURITY AND SOCIAL IRRESPONSIBILITY" AND BLAMED BOTH RIGHTIST TRENDS AND LEFTIST, ANARCHIST IDEAS AND INFLUENCES IN STUDENT BODY AT PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY.

4. MEANWHILE IN BELGRADE PROFESSORS HAVE DESCRIBED TO US SITUATION AT PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY AS ONE OF TURMOIL. WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS OF ULTIMATUM THAT FACULTY "CAPITULATE" ON GETTING RID OF THE EIGHT (NOT CLEAR WHETHER EXPULSION FROM PARTY WOULD BE SUFFICIENT OR WHETHER ONLY FIRING THEM FROM THEIR JOBS ACCEPTABLE) OR ELSE SERBIAN ASSEMBLY WILL PASS LAW DISSOLVING PRESENT FACULTY AND CONSTITUTING NEW ONE OF ITS CHOOSING. WE HAVE NOTHING TO BEAR OUT RUMOR; SEEMS TO US SITUATION PREMATURE FOR SUCH A MOVE. FOR ONE THING, LIKELIHOOD OF OVERT STUDENT SUPPORT FOR PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY EIGHT APPEARS FROM ALL REPORTS TO HAVE WEAKENED. FOR ANOTHER, IT WOULD MAKE SENSE, AS SEVERAL OBSERVERS HERE HAVE POINTED OUT, FOR LEADERSHIP TO MAKE ANY MORE AGAINST FACULTY EIGHT DURING TERM BREAK MID-JANUARY TO MID-FEBRUARY. WE ALSO BELIEVE RUMORS OF THREATENED WALKOUT BY FACULTY MEMBERS ILL FOUNDED. WHEN IT COMES TO CRUNCH, MOT PROFESSORS AND ASSISTANTS ARE NOT LIELY TO RISK THEIR OWN JOBS IN ANY GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR THE EIGHT PROFESSORS.

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